

REMARKS

Claims 33-37 and 39-72 are pending in the subject application. Of those claims, claims 33-37, 39-50, 52-57 and 72 are allowed. Applicant thanks the Examiner for this indication of allowable subject matter.

Remaining claims 51 and 58-71 are rejected in the outstanding Action. In particular, these claims are rejected under 35 USC Section 102(e) as being anticipated by Hanson (US Patent 6,208,851).

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's rejection.

However, in the interest of expediting the prosecution of the subject application, claims 51 and 58-71 are cancelled without prejudice.

Accordingly, all pending claims are deemed allowable by the Examiner.

For completion, it is respectfully noted that clarifying amendments to the claims are presented herein to, for example, improve upon the wording and grammar, and shorten preambles. The clarifying amendments made herein are not made for reasons related to patentability and the full range of equivalents should remain intact. No new matter is introduced into the application as a result of the foregoing clarifications.

All issues having been addressed, the subject application is in condition for immediate allowance. No new issues requiring further search and/or consideration are raised. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter and consider this Amendment, and withdraw the outstanding rejection. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted:

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